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Re: Ralph Nader and Green Victory 2000 Committee

Dear Mr. Conway:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 17, 2001 to Mr. Ralph Nader. Mr. Nader was a candidate for President in the November 2000 General Election (Candidate ID Number P20000527).

Your letter provides notification that the Green Victory 2000 Committee has filed reports and disbursements with the Commission and appears to have received contributions and/or made expenditures in support of Mr. Nader's candidacy in excess of \$5000. The letter further requests that Mr. Nader either disavow these activities or file a statement of candidacy designating Green Victory 2000 Committee as an authorized committee.

Mr. Nader filed a Statement of Candidacy on February 14, 2000 in which he designated the Nader 2000 Primary Committee, Inc. and the Nader 2000 General Committee, Inc. as his only authorized candidate committees. He has not subsequently authorized any other committee, including the Green Victory 2000 Committee. This is confirmed by the Statement of Organization filed on June 20, 2000 by the Green Victory 2000 Committee, which states that it is not an authorized committee for Ralph Nader but is an independent committee which supports/opposes only one candidate.

In July 2000, the Nader 2000 Primary Committee, Inc. paid \$17,500 to the Green Victory 2000 Committee. This was not a contribution from Nader 2000 to the Green Victory 2000 Committee. Rather, it was a payment for services and related expenses in connection with Mr. Nader's efforts to obtain access to the ballot in West Virginia. These funds were properly